

Friday night fights at casino leave Corn battling for a win



Above- J.J. Corn rests in his corner between rounds. Corn fought a tough fight to win his latest bout.

See Additional Photos and Article on pg.5

Francis Butch Kitson receives plaque on behalf of wife Sally Kitson

by Roxie Bigfire
Menominee Nation News

On February 1, 2002 there was a ceremony held at College of Menominee Nation's Culture Center commemorating the life and work of the late Sally Kitson. Kitson played a huge role in making the Toys For Tots (TFT) project a success this past christmas.

A noon luncheon was prepared by her fellow Toys for Tots committee members and family and friends came to celebrate her life.

Duane Waukau welcomed the guests giving an overview of how the TFT committee started this past year.

Waukau said, "It was late October when we heard that there wasn't going to be a Toys for Tots program (in Menominee). All of the us knew there was a strong need for the program but as individuals we knew it was a large project to undertake. No one was quite sure which direction to take or how they could help."

Sally was a driving force behind the concerted efforts of the Toys for Tots (TFT) local organization.

"In the time we knew Sally," Waukau said, "we knew she wasn't the type of person to sit and wait for someone to make things happen. Sally was the type of person who made things happen. She organized our

first TFT meeting to make sure that Menominee children had a good Christmas." Sally's hard work and dedication on the TFT committee made Christmas merrier for 790 Menominee children.

Everyone here contributed to this effort but we all know that we would not have come together the way we did if it were not for Sally's effort."

A plaque commemorating her efforts was presented to her husband Francis 'Butch' Kitson. Tudy Wilber, a member of the TFT gave Frances the plaque which read, "The 2001 Toys for Tots Committee acknowledges Sally A. Kitson on February 1, 2002 for her outstanding dedication and Commitment to Menominee youth. Through her leadership, guidance, and selflessness, the hearts of many have been touched."

Kitson was also the librarian at the Menominee Tribal Library since its opening and was always very helpful to the residents through her job and community work.

The committee members who commemorated her generosity of time and energy for the Reservation children were: Tudy Wilber-MITW/HR, Pat Tourtillott-MITW/JOM Director, Duane "Buckle" Waukau-Recreation Director, Jennifer Gauthier-Family Preservation



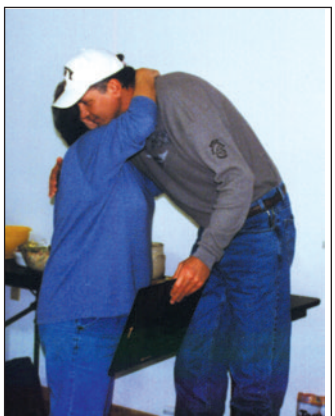
Photo by R. Bigfire/MNN

In a ceremony held at the Culture Center of the College of Menominee Nation, "Butch" Kitson accepts a plaque given to him on behalf of his wife, Sally Kitson - posthumously - for her service to children in the Toys for Tots drive this past year-2001. Pictured with Kitson is Sally's mother, Pet Martin.

Program, Toni Grych-Tribal Day Care, Michelle Kaquatosh, Kathryn Waukau-MITW-Insurance Manager, Tracy Wilber and Sr. Stephanie.

In closing Sally's mother, Pet Martin, spoke softly and emotionally about Sally. She said her daughter was "a pretty baby, one of seven children of her and her late husband, Wayne Martin....and Sally was a contributor to her family and her community." Martin expressed her sadness for the loss of her daughter however she felt it was also a time for all of us to be nicer to one another. "We remember the life Sally gave to the commu-

nity and as her family we are happy she was so loved and appreciated," Pet said, "We will always remember..."



Tudy Wilber gives Butch Kitson a hug after he was presented with the award for his wife, Sally.

Inside this

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------------------|-------|
| Community | 2,4-5,11 | Vital Stats | 10 |
| Education | 6 | MISD minutes | 13-14 |
| Comments | 3 | Legislative minutes | 15 |
| Happy Ads | 7 | Valentine's Day Spread | 8-9 |

Presorted
Standard
U.S. Postage
Paid
Keshena, WI